

*What is Claimed is:*

1. A handkerchief comprising:

5 (a) a base layer of soft, absorbent material, the base layer having a pair of opposed sides, both of which define a base layer area between about 9 square inches and about 576 square inches; and

10 (b) a pouch layer of soft absorbent material attached to the base layer so as to define a pouch enclosure with a single pouch enclosure opening, the pouch layer having a pair of opposed sides, both of which define a pouch layer area less than that of the base layer area.

2. The handkerchief of claim 1, wherein the base layer and the pouch layer are made of cloth.

15 3. The handkerchief of claim 1, wherein the base layer and the pouch layer are made of woven cloth.

20 4. The handkerchief of claim 1, wherein the base layer and the pouch layer are made of non-woven cloth.

5. The handkerchief of claim 1, wherein the base layer and the pouch layer are made of paper.

25 6. The handkerchief of claim 1, wherein the base layer and the pouch layer are made of cellulose pulp.

7. The handkerchief of claim 1, wherein the base layer area is between about 25 square inches and about 400 square inches.

5 8. The handkerchief of claim 1, wherein the pouch layer area is between about 4 square inches and about 36 square inches.

9. The handkerchief of claim 1, wherein the pouch enclosure is V-shaped.

10 10. The handkerchief of claim 1, wherein the pouch enclosure is U-shaped.

11. The handkerchief of claim 1, wherein the pouch enclosure is rectangular.

12. The handkerchief of claim 1, wherein two separate pouch layers of soft absorbent material are attached to the base layer side by side so as to define a pair of side by side pouch enclosures, each with a single pouch enclosure opening, both pouch layers having a pair of opposed sides, the pair of opposed sides both defining a pouch layer area less than that of the base layer area.

13. The handkerchief of claim 1, wherein the base layer comprises a generally linear upper edge, the pouch enclosure opening is disposed between about 2 inches and about 4 inches below the upper edge of the base layer.

14. The handkerchief of claim 1, wherein the pouch extends downwardly below the pouch enclosure opening a distance of between about 2 inches and about 5 inches.

15. The handkerchief of claim 1, wherein the pouch layer is thicker than the base layer.

16. The handkerchief of claim 1, wherein the pouch layer is thinner than the base layer.